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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 26-31 are allowed. Claims 20 and 22-24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter recited therein.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murakami US patent No. 5,175,747. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 20 and 22 have been canceled therefore, their rejection has rendered moot.

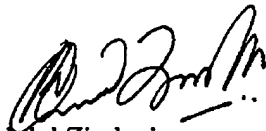
Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murakami. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 23-24 have been canceled therefore, their rejection has rendered moot.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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